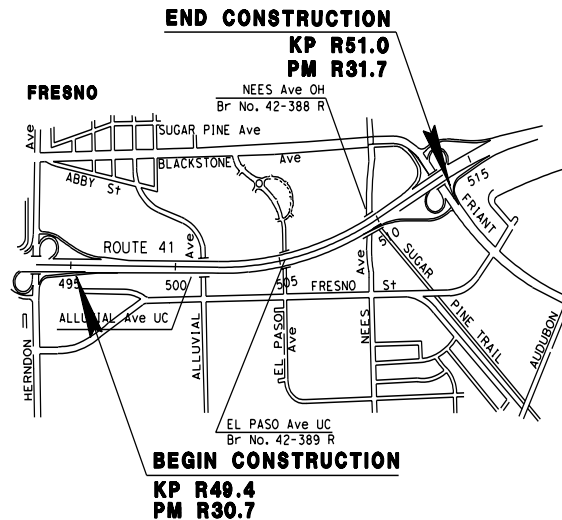


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EA 06-0A490K
PROJECT TITLE

**YOSEMITE CORRIDOR ENHANCEMENT
ON SR 41 IN FRESNO COUNTY**



Project Location: SR 41 IN FRESNO

Co/Rte/KP/PM: Fre-41 KP R49.4/R51.0
PM R30.7/R31.7

Project Description: Tree Planting On State Right of Way Along SR 41 in the Community of Fresno

Project Scope: This project will provide native and drought tolerant trees and a permanent irrigation system, together with a 3-year plant establishment period.

Existing Funding: IIP: \$1,311,000
RIP: \$0
Other: \$0

Future Funding Need: \$0

Total Estimated Cost: \$1,311,000

PROPOSED SCHEDULE:

Start Environmental Studies	Jan 2005
Draft Environmental Document	Dec 2005
Final Environmental Doc (PA&ED)	Jul 2006
Begin Design Engineering	Jul 2006
Plans, Specifications, and Cost Estimates	
complete	Dec 2007
Start Right of Way Acquisition	n/a
Right of Way Certification	Dec 2007
Ready to List	Mar 2008
Advertise	May 2008
Approve Construction Contract	Jul 2008
Project Completion (open for use)	Jul 2012

PROJECT INFORMATION

Project Need:

The need exists to provide tree planting at the main SR 41 entrance into the City of Fresno for the 3 million yearly travelers in route to Yosemite National Park. In addition, this major corridor is adjacent to what has become the largest high-end retail development in Fresno County. At the time of the STIP funded construction widening project, this portion of SR 41 did not warrant highway planting as defined by Caltrans policy. It is now a section of the Yosemite Corridor obvious in its void of aesthetic enhancement. No landscaping or tree planting now exists.

Project Purpose:

This project will provide enhancements northbound at and near the Friant Road interchange. This enhancement project will add landscape improvements which will unify the native planting theme of this major corridor route into Yosemite National Park, conforming to the policy of context sensitive solutions.